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TAGS: PINR MOPS ET UR AO CU
SUBJ: RUMORED AFRICAN POLICY MEETING IN MOSCOW

REF: A. HAVANA 821; B. STATE 83310; C. ADDIS ABABA 1525

1. GRANMA, APRIL 3, REPORTS THAT IT HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY
ANNOUNCED IN LUANDA THAT AGOSTINHO NETO HAS DEPARTED FOR
USSR ON "PRIVATE VISIT."

2. COMMENT: CONFIRMATION OF NETO VISIT, COMBINED WITH
MENGISTU'S APPARENT PRESENCE IN MOSCOW (REFTEL C), PROVIDES
SOME CREDENCE TO REFTEL A REPORT ON HIGH-LEVEL AFRICAN
MEETING IN MOSCOW. WE KNOW THAT, AS OF TODAY, APRIL 3, FIDEL
CASTRO IS HERE IN HAVANA. MINISTER OF DEFENSE RAUL CASTRO WAS
LAST REPORTED IN CITY ON FRIDAY, MARCH 31. IF CUBANS WILL
PARTICIPATE, THEREFORE, IN ANY MOSCOW MEETING, MALMIERCA WILL
PROBABLY HAVE TO JOURNEY FROM PARIS TO MOSCOW. OR, ALTERNATIVELY,
RAUL CASTRO MAY HAVE DEPARTED FOR USSR ON MAR 31 -
APRIL 1. (FYI: RAUL WAS ABSENT FROM AIR FORCE DAY
CELECRATION, APRIL 2. END FYI) WE NOTE, HOWEVER THAT
SOVIET PRESS REPORTED PRESENCE OF BREZHNEV AND MINISTER OF
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DEFENSE USTINOV IN WESTERN SIBERIA AT END OF LAST WEEK.
AS OF MARNING, APRIL 3, WHEREABOUT OF VICE-PRESIDENT AND
FOREIGN POLICY KINGPIN CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ IS ALSO
UNCERTAIN. (HE WAS LAST REPORTED AS MEETING WITH CYPRIOT
SOCIALIST LEADER LYSSARIDES IN MIDDLE OF LAST WEEK).
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